

It is not to be understood from what we said above about expressions imputed to the Attorney General, that we admit that he ever did make use of them in the way that has been privately and publicly represented.—But even if had, used them so far as regards benefit to the King's service and the peace of this community, that high functionary may fairly set his acts against his words, and leave his calumniators to answer the simple question whether they or he be most to blame; they for attempting to warp to his prejudice expressions used, if at all, perhaps in jest, in private conversation, or friendly confidence; or he for using those expressions unaccompanied by one act hostile to any of those calumniators or to any one else. If he have privately or officially injured any man, we have yet to learn the fact.

It is eminently creditable to the Attorney General that we can thus boldly stake his reputation with the whole impartial world, upon the broad and incontrovertible testimony of what he has done, in contradistinction to what he is alleged to have said. Until he be pulled down from this proud position, we must be allowed to consider his appointment alike honorable to Mr. Judd who recommended him, and to His Majesty who employed him.

We have heretofore omitted to advert to his conduct as "curator" of the estate of Wm. French and F. J. Greenway Esqrs. as shown in his report to His Excellency, M. Kekuanoua, Governor of Oahu, and exercising Chancery powers over the assets of said estate at the special request of the principals and a great number of their creditors. We are sorry that our space will not permit us to give to the public the whole of that valuable report, but we mention its results; namely:—that every ascertained claim was paid off or provided for in full with interest, leaving a surplus of \$1651 in cash, and assets still to be realised superabundant to pay off in full every other claim likely to be substantiated, and that to afford time to substantiate the latter a further period of six months was allowed.

The members of this community are or ought to be the best judges whether, notwithstanding the labors of the *Committee of Enquiry*, any such result could ever have been obtained except through the Court of Chancery and the agency of Mr. Ricord; but perhaps they have still to learn that his whole arduous and persevering services in this agency have been rendered gratuitously. Now here is a fact greatly outweighing all the innuendoes, insinuations, predictions and misrepresentations by which certain well known parties have sought to damage the reputation of H. M.'s Attorney General, but which have only had the effect of subjecting their own to very just suspicion.—Will they point out any lawyer in any nation who in similar situations has acted with more disinterestedness, energy and forbearance than Mr. Ricord.

We know not what they may answer, but when the results of all his labors are given to the world, as they will soon be, we have no doubt of the judgment that will be pronounced by the impartial of all nations, whose minds are not biased by local prejudices or petty selfish interests. And is it for a moment to be believed that the government of his native country will blame him for acting faithfully up to the spirit of his new allegiance, under an oath in some respects less stringent than there required of all foreigners who become naturalised. It so happens that Wm. French, one of the principals in the estate before mentioned, was a citizen of the United States when Mr. Ricord gratuitously undertook the onerous task of arranging its embarrassed affairs and as during the last week, Mr. French voluntarily took the oath of allegiance to H. M. Kamehameha III, it is reasonable to presume that his experience of the Hawaiian Attorney General has led him to consider his person and property safe under the protection of this government. The other principal is Mr. F. J. Greenway, a British sub-

ject, and we are not aware that either he or H. B. M. Consul General have expressed any dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Attorney General in anything relating to Mr. Greenway's interest.

Another fact in relation to Mr. Ricord is highly creditable both to his private and professional reputation, and one to the truth of which very many individuals in this community can testify. It is the candor and impartiality with which he has given legal advice to numerous applicants, without distinction of nation or comparative rank in society. In repeated instances has the gratitude of the recipients urged upon him handsome fees, which he as often has declined, disinterestedly proffering to them at all times such counsel and assistance as his valuable acquirements enabled him to bestow. And it is still further to his honor that his advice has ever been of a peaceful and not litigious character, tending to an equitable and amicable settlement of disputes. His professional and political views have ever been those of an enlarged and liberal mind, and when the history of this nation is more fully developed, it will be seen how much both it and the foreign community will have been indebted to his statesman-like opinions for their security and prosperity.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—By the Fama we have received further particulars of the revolution in California. Castro and Alvarado are at the head of the insurrectionary movement; but nothing more serious than some bombastic proclamations and a little fatigue in the way of marchings and counter-marchings, appear to have happened. Capt. Sutter proffered Gen. Micheltoreno his company of riflemen, numbering one hundred or thereabouts, among whom are some of the American prisoners whom Castro so cruelly treated in 1840, and fifty to sixty armed Indians. The Mexican General in Dec. signed a treaty agreeing to leave the country with his soldiers in three months. As his partner Santa Anna has fallen in Mexico, Gen. Micheltoreno would probably have been obliged to leave, even if this emùte had not occurred. The Am. bark Don Quixote, Capt. Paty, was chartered for \$11,000 to carry the Mexican soldiers to the number of two hundred with their families to San Blas. She sailed in March for that port, to return to California, to take in her hides and be here in June.

In December, fourteen wagons with one hundred and forty emigrants, men, women and children, arrived at Capt. Sutter's settlement on the Rio Sacramento. Forty to fifty more wagons were on their way to the same destination.

The U.S.S. Savannah remained six weeks at Monterey. Before leaving, her officers gave a ball in the Custom House, which was fitted up in a handsome manner for the occasion. Seventy ladies were present, and the dancing was prolonged from eight o'clock in the evening to the same hour the next morning.

On the 14th December, U. S. ships Savannah and Warren sailed for Mazatlan. There had been no arrival on the Coast from Mazatlan for six months, and the latest news from the U. S. and Europe was received by the Julian—hence, Dec. 31st ult.

HENRY CLAY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.—It is reported by Capt. Soule, of the South America, at Maui, recently from Acapulco, that news had been received at that place of the final election by Congress, of Henry Clay as President of the United States, in consequence of the throwing out of the votes of one or more of the States for fraudulent returns. This news is said to be late in January, and is not impossible if the statements are true which have been made in regard to the immense vote (said to be one in five) purported to be cast by the State of New York, a proportion entirely contradicted by all previous elections; the greatest proportion hitherto having been one in eleven.

The prevailing influenza has the past week put a stop to nearly all business. The streets and shops are quite deserted, servants unable to attend to their duties, business and cookery almost at a stand, the police laid up, in short from hovel to palace every one seems to be afflicted with the distressing epidemic. We do not hear that it is often fatal, but it occasions great distress among the poorer classes from the insufficiency of the care they bestow upon themselves. It commenced at Hilo, and has since been rapidly spreading westward.

To ensure a more regular distribution of the Polynesian, we have engaged Mr. FRANCIS FUNK to act as a distributor for our regular subscribers. He will also act as Agent for the sale of the papers to non-subscribers, in any quantities which may be desired; and also for the sale of pamphlets and other productions, issued from this press.

From Tahiti we have a little later intelligence, but of the same character as the last. The French preparing to extend their jurisdiction, and the natives to resist.

The Legislative Body have been unable to meet this week, on account of the sickness of His Majesty and most of the members, from the prevailing influenza.

#### MAXIMS.

If you want an errand done, go yourself; if not, send.

If you want to lose your friend, lend him money; if not, refuse him.

To Correspondents.—We have received several communications from "M. E. B." which will appear shortly.

#### For the Polynesian.

#### CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PORT OF MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, Dec. 31, 1844.

Sir,—There have arrived in this port, for the year ending this day, twenty-nine sail of vessels, fourteen of which were American. As several of these vessels remain on the coast over a year, to collect their cargoes, they enter this port several times, making the whole number of arrivals during the year, fifty-seven.

<i>Dif. Vessels</i> 6 Ships of War	26 American Arr.
14 Merchant Ships	22 Mexican
16 Ships	7 Whale Ships
4 Barques	1 Transp. for Cattle
5 Brigs	11 Barques
4 Schrs	10 Brigs
8 Schooners	1 Eng. ship of war
29	57

THOS. O. LARKIN, U. S. Consul.

#### SELECTED.

INTERESTING VARIETY OF THE BIBLE.—When the celebrated Dr. Samuel Johnson was asked why so many literary men were infidels, his reply was, "because they are ignorant of the Bible." If the question be asked why the lovers of general reading so often fail to acquaint themselves with the sacred volume, one reason that may be assigned doubtless is, they are not aware of its interesting variety. This feature of the Bible is well illustrated by Mrs. Ellis, in the following eloquent extract from her recent work, entitled the "Poetry of Life:"

With our established ideas of beauty, grace, pathos and sublimity, either concentrated in the minutest point, or extended to the widest range, we can derive from the Scriptures a fund of gratification not to be found in any other memorial of past or present time. From the worm that grovels in the dust beneath our feet, to the track of the leviathan in the foaming deep—from the moth that corrupts the secret treasure to the eagle that soars above his eyry in the clouds—from the wild ass in the desert to the lamb within the shepherd's fold—from the consuming locust, to the cattle upon a thousand hills—from the rose of Sharon to the cedar of Lebanon—from the crystal stream, gushing forth out of the flinty rock, to the wide waters of the deluge—from the lonely path of the wanderer, to the gathering of a mighty multitude—from the tear that falls in secret, to the din of battle and the shout of triumphant hosts—from the solitary in the wilderness, to the satrap on the throne—from the mourner clad in sackcloth, to the prince in purple robes—from the growings of the worm that dieth not, to the seraphic visions of the blest—from the still voice, to the thunders of Omnipotence—from the depths of hell, to the regions of

eternal glory,—there is no degree of beauty or deformity, no tendency to good or evil, no shade of darkness or gleam of light, which does not come within the cognizance of the Holy Scriptures; and therefore there is no expression or conception of the mind that may not find a corresponding picture; no thirst for excellence that may not meet with its full supply; and no condition of humanity necessarily excluded from the unlimited scope of adaption and of sympathy comprehended in the language and the spirit of the Bible.

#### Passengers.

In Inez, for Boston—Rev. H. K. W. Perkins, lady and 4 children; Dr. Babcock, lady and 2 children;—(of the Oregon Mission.) Miss Goodale, Capt. Bunker, Capt. Cartwright.  
In the Bull—Mr. Ricker and lady.



1845.



#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE FOR THE PORT OF HONOLULU.

##### ARRIVED.

April 6.—Am. whale-ship Marcia, H. S. Howland, New Bedford 9 months; 500 wh.—(anchored outside). Oil and on—Fr. whale-ship Nile, Smith, Havre 18 months, 1900 whale. Outside—English barque Emma (last from Hawaii) 27 months out, 300 sperm; anchored in consequence of crew refusing to perform duty. Anchored—Am. wh.-ship Brunswick, Providence 17 mos.; 200 sp., 1400 wh. Am. whale-ship Henry Take—last from Maui—came down to find crew who had stolen boat from her; procured the boat and proceeded on her voyage—the men had been apprehended some days previously, and put into confinement, but no one appearing against them, they were liberated. Outside—Am. whale-ship Congress, Weeks, New Bedford 15 months (last from Tahiti and Hawaii) 530 sperm, 500 whale. Oil and on—Am. whale-ships New Bedford, Swain, New Bedford 8 months; 200 sperm, 200 whale; Elizabeth, Toby, New Bedford 8 months; 100 whale; Erie, Holly, Fairhaven; 300 sperm, 300 whale; Prussian barque Borussia, Harterig, Stettin 9 months, (last from Maui) 140 sperm, 160 whale. Anchored outside—Am. whale-ship Bartholomew Gosnold, Mozier, New Bedford 8 months (last from Maui) 400 whale, 100 sperm. Oil and on—Am. whale-ship George, Swift, Fairhaven 6 1-2 months, (last from Maui) 145 sperm. Am. whale-ship Vesper, Clark, New London 6 1-2 mos.; 160 sperm. Anchored outside—Am. whale-ship Montezuma, Towler, New Bedford; 370 sp., 630 whale.

April 10.—English whale-ship Mechanic, St. Johns 32 months; 400 sperm, 700 whale—(the M. had been to Maui, but could not get supplies).—Am. ship Fama, Nye, St. Barbara (Upper California) 21 days; horns, hides, and lumber, to Stephen Reynolds.

##### SAILED.

April 5.—Am. ship Inez, Knox, Boston. French whale-ship Adele, Lohiz; cruise.  
April 7.—Swedish brig Bull, Wurngren, N. W. Coast and Columbia River.  
April 8.—Am. whale-ship Helen, of Sag Harbor, S. H. Cartwright (former mate)—capt. gone home sick;—cruise.  
April 9.—Am. whale-ship Marcia, Howland; and Congress, Weeks; cruise.  
April 10.—Am. whale-ship France, S. H. Edwards; to cruise.  
\*All the Maui ships from the outer roads, have sailed, except the Montezuma.

SHIPPING MEMORANDA.—At Monterey, Jan. 22, 1845.—Ship Admittance, Peterson; Ship Vandalia, Everett; Mexican Schrs. Julian, Leidersdorff; and Fanate, Lementure. The Sandwich Island Sch. Juanita sails this month from Santa Barbara, for Callao. We are daily expecting the California, from Boston. The Tasso arrived Feb. 10; 180 days from Boston. Am. brig Bolivar, and Mexican Sch. Julian, sailed in March, for Mazatlan. J. C. Jones Esq. and family, passengers in the Bolivar, for the United States, via Mexico.  
Ship Barastable, Hatch, left San Diego, for Boston, Dec. 17, with 32,000 hides, some furs, and gold in grains.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS.

##### Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership hitherto existing and known as HALSTEAD & HOYT, is this day dissolved. All debts, dues and demands, contracted for the benefit and use of the above concern up to this date, will be settled by JOHN J. HALSTEAD. All persons indebted to the above concern, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.  
JOHN J. HALSTEAD.  
Lahaina, Maui, April 1, 1845.

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Will execute with neatness and despatch,  
HOUSE, SIGN, SHIP, COACH & ORNAMENTAL PAINTING.  
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Honolulu, April 12. tf

##### Bullock Hides.

ABOUT 200 superior Bullock HIDES, for sale by the Receivers of the Estate of French & Greenway. tf M1

##### Just Published,

OFFICIAL REPORT on the existing HARBOR LAWS. Gov't press. Price 25c. m8

##### Horse for Sale.

FOR SALE.—A good saddle HORSE, suitable for a lady or gentleman—has been rode by both. A superior English SADDLE, saddle cloth, and bridle, and accoutrements, can go with him, if desired. Apply at this office. (copff) f8